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# LETTER DATED 29 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request that on an exceptional basis the attached letter addressed to the President of the Security Council, which was transmitted to the members of the Council by the President of the Council on 23 June 1995, be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Gerardo MARTINEZ BLANCO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

[Original: French]

New York, 23 June 1995

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Mohamed Abdelaziz, President of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) and Secretary-General of the Frente POLISARIO.

LETTER DATED 23 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAHARAN ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

"Sir,

Since the visit to the region of the Security Council mission, two events have particularly shocked and stunned Saharans. These are:

1. The appearance before a military court of eight Saharan civilians and the imposition on them, following a trial that was as unfair as it was brief, of heavy sentences ranging from 15 to 20 years' non-suspended imprisonment. Their 'crime' was taking part in a peaceful rally for Western Saharan independence.

2. The announcement made to the Security Council mission by the Moroccan authorities that they intend to have 100,000 Moroccan settlers take part in the voter-identification operation.

Mr. President,

The Frente POLISARIO vigorously condemns both of these infamies, which constitute a blatant violation of the spirit and the letter of the settlement plan and seriously shake the confidence of Saharans in the ongoing process for its implementation.

The Frente POLISARIO rises up in protest against such action on the part of the Moroccan colonial authorities and condemns the leniency and impunity with which they are treated.

Faced with this dire situation, the Saharan authorities decide to suspend their participation in the current identification operation and, accordingly, to recall all Saharan observers until credibility is restored to the peace process by means of:

His Excellency Detlev Graf zu Rantzau
President of the Security Council
United Nations, New York

1. The immediate release of all political prisoners arrested since the deployment of MINURSO in the Territory, and particularly the eight Saharan civilians sentenced by a Moroccan court on 21 June 1995;

2. The halting of the campaign of repression and of all retaliatory acts directed against the Saharan population living in the Moroccan-occupied areas of Western Sahara, as well as respect for the fundamental freedoms of this population;

3. Termination of the operation to move foreigners into the Territory, strict compliance with the terms of the settlement plan relating to identification and, to this end, strict monitoring of the northern border of Western Sahara, which is the main source of all danger.

Mr. President,

The Saharan people has no other aspiration than to exercise its right to self-determination and independence and to live once again in peace. The Frente POLISARIO has made every possible concession and sacrifice imaginable with a view to the full implementation of the peace plan as accepted by POLISARIO.

POLISARIO cooperation with the United Nations has been full and sincere to date. A prompt and effective response by the United Nations consistent with our legitimate requests set out above will without a doubt dispel current concerns and create an atmosphere conducive to understanding, cooperation and, consequently, to the smooth continuation of the process.

Bir Lahlou, 23 June 1995

Mohamed Abdelaziz
President of the Saharan Arab
Democratic Republic
Secretary-General of the
Frente POLISARIO"

I should like to request that you bring the contents of this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Boukhari Ahmed
Representative of the
Frente POLISARIO

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